

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	17423	Agenda Number	49.
Meeting Date:	August 16, 2012			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Authorize award and execution of two contracts through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments with MENZI USA SALES, INC., for the purchase of a walking excavator in an amount not to exceed \$322,522 and with SANTEX TRUCK CENTERS, LTD for seventeen truck chassis in an amount not to exceed \$2,204,812 for various City departments..				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding in the amount of \$1,083,192 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department. Funding in the amount of \$1,121,620 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding in the amount of \$322,522 is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Capital Budget of the Watershed Department.				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is attached.				
Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase.			
Prior Council Action:	[REDACTED]			
For More Information:	Sydney Ceder, Senior Buyer/972-2035			
Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.			
Related Items:	[REDACTED]			
MBE / WBE:	These contracts will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). These contracts are Cooperative Purchases; therefore, they are exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for these solicitations.			

Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase of one new and seventeen replacement pieces of heavy-duty equipment to be distributed amount Austin Water Utility, Public Works Department and the Watershed Protection Department.

This purchase includes the following heavy-duty equipment:

Watershed Department

1 Walking Excavator – New

Public Works Department

3 Dump Truck Chassis, 12 yard – Replacement

1 Dump Truck Chassis, 6 yard – Replacement

1 Dump Truck Loader – Replacement

4 Tri-Axle Dump Trucks – Replacement

Austin Water Utility

2 Dump Truck Chassis, 12 yard – Replacement

6 Water Service Trucks – Replacement

Austin Energy's Climate Protection team and Fleet have worked together to develop a vehicle and equipment purchasing process in our progress towards our citywide objective of obtaining carbon neutrality by 2020. The development of the purchasing criteria incorporates emissions impact, available technologies on the market, physical demands on the vehicle, and service application. These criteria are applied to all vehicles submitted to Fleet for purchase.

The majority of this equipment is powered with engines capable of burning biodiesel (B20) fuel. In line with Austin Climate Protection Program goals, B20 provides an approximate 25% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions versus using gasoline and an approximate 5% reduction versus using petro-diesel.

The equipment in this RCA has been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, affected Department Directors, and Assistant City Managers (ACMs). ACM approval is required for all new additions to the City's fleet prior to any requests being made to the Purchasing Office.

All of the replacement equipment has met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected each piece of equipment to be replaced, and determined that the mileage or hours of use of each piece proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time.

Menzi USA Sales, Inc., Lakeland, FL and Santex Truck Centers, LTD, San Antonio, TX are contracted through HGAC to supply this type of equipment statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing HGAC contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to place the City's equipment order.